

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the second paragraph beginning on page 10 and ending on page 11 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

--The nature of the edible components used, preferably candies, can vary greatly. As defined herein, edible item or edible items can include a food that is digestable by humans, such as sugar-containing foods, bakery, liquid-filled elements, medicants, etc. Preferably an edible item will comprise a typical candy such as a piece of Smarties® candy, but for purposes of the claims and this description, the term "edible item" or "edible items" is not limited to merely the use of a traditional sugar-based candy, but also includes gums, breath mints, vitamins, lozenges, mendicants, ~~Viagra~~ VIAGRA® (Sildenafil citrate), etc., and further includes other items such as ecstasy and other mind altering drugs, some of which may currently be regulated substances, and further includes any edible substance. The use of the term "edible item" herein should be understood to encompass all such varied possibilities. Preferably, the edible items used as part of the present invention have features that permit them to be individually attached to a garment, most preferably by stringing such individual elements together to form a string or strap that forms part of the structure of a garment. It is within the scope of the present invention to also include non-edible components/items along with edible components/items. For example, clothes items that include a string having at least one edible component on a string that also includes one or more of jewelry items (e.g., stones, pearls, chain elements, shells, etc.) is but one of many embodiments of the present invention. --

Please replace the third paragraph beginning on page 12 and ending on page 13 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Although the majority of the descriptions of many embodiments of the present invention are directed particularly to either swim wear or underwear, and are further concerned with candies associated with such garments, one of skill in the art will appreciate that the present invention has application in conjunction with a variety

of other garments and can use elements other than candy. For example, instead of candy, certain types of cookies, crackers, medications (e.g., ~~Viagra~~ VIAGRA® ((Sildenafil citrate))), vitamins, etc.) can be used instead of or in addition to candy elements. Other types of garments may include hats, caps, shirts, pants, shoes, stockings, socks, jock straps, G-strings, belts, garter belts, head bands, etc. In certain embodiments of the present invention, known devices may be employed as the material upon which edible items are attached. For example, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0196239, entitled "Device and Method of Use for Converting Style of Clothing and Decorating Clothing" is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference. One aspect of the present invention is directed to a method for making the above-described garments having edible components. In a preferred method, edible items, such as the candy apertured components described herein, are individually threaded onto strand and/or string-like material. The string-like material can be knotted after each and/or a desired number of edible items are threaded on such strands. As described elsewhere, other non-edible components such as stones, sea shells, pearls, etc. can also be strung amidst the candied edible components of the present invention. After a desired number of edible and/or non-edible components are strung, the string-like material can be tied or otherwise affixed to accommodate the retention of such strung material thereon. This can be accomplished by simply tying two string-like materials together (such as a side tie for a bikini) or a connection device, such as a clasp, a hook and loop connecting means (Velcro®) structure can be employed, etc. --